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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION AND ) CONFIRM. NO.: 7672  
TREATMENT OF CHRONIC VENOUS )  
INSUFFICIENCY )

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

A final Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on June 1, 2004. In such Office Action pending claims 13, 15, 16, 19, 23 and 26 were rejected. This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to said Office Action. Please amend the claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.